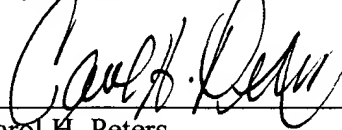


REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request consideration of this preliminary amendment. The claim amendments provided herein do not add subject matter to the present application and have antecedent basis. In addition, Applicants respectfully submit the amended claim and its dependent claims are patentable for at least the reasons given in Applicants' response to final Office Action mailed August 14, 2004 previously submitted on February 14, 2005 under a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this amendment, he is invited to telephone the undersigned.

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